



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### 2012 REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE BILL NO. 24

AS ENACTED

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BY Mary Sue Nelson

1 AN ACT relating to school entrance age.

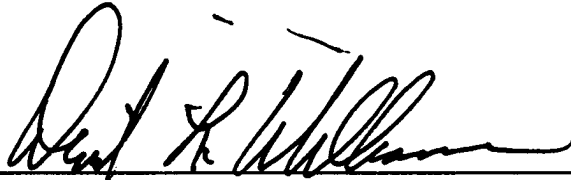
2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

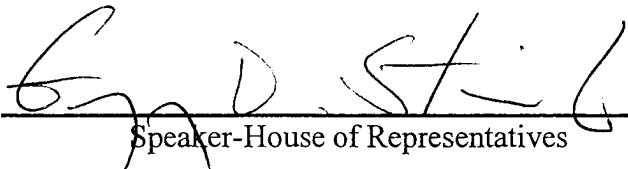
3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.030 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) "Common school" means an elementary or secondary school of the state supported  
5 in whole or in part by public taxation. No school shall be deemed a "common  
6 school" or receive support from public taxation unless the school is taught by a  
7 certified teacher for a minimum school term as defined by KRS 158.070 and every  
8 child residing in the district who satisfies the age requirements of this section has  
9 had the privilege of attending it. Provided, however, that any child who is six (6)  
10 years of age, or who may become six (6) years of age by October 1, shall attend  
11 public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 159.030. Any child  
12 who is five (5) years of age, or who may become five (5) years of age by October 1,  
13 may enter a primary school program, as defined in KRS 158.031, and may advance  
14 through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS  
15 158.031(6).

16 (2) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, any child who is six (6) years of age,  
17 or who may become six (6) years of age by August 1, shall attend public school or  
18 qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 159.030. Any child who is five (5)  
19 years of age, or who may become five (5) years of age by August 1, may enter a  
20 primary school program, as defined in KRS 158.031, and may advance through  
21 the primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS 158.031(6).

22 (3) Each local school board shall adopt a policy to permit a parent or guardian to  
23 petition the board to allow a student to attend public school who does not meet  
24 the age requirements of subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The policy shall  
25 include an evaluation process that will help determine a student's readiness for  
26 school.

  
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President of Senate

  
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Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest:   
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Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved   
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Governor

Date 4-11-12